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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: VLADIMIR AL'BREKHT'S LIFE THREATENED

1. WE HAVE HEARD FROM DISSIDENT SOURCE THAT VLADIMIR AL'BREKHT, WHO REPLACED ANDREY TVERDOKHLEBOV AS SECRETARY OF THE MOSCOW BRANCH OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, HAS BEEN HARASSED AND HIS LIFE THREATENED RECENTLY. ON AUG 31 HE WAS SURROUNDED ON A SUBWAY PLATFORM BY FOUR MEN. HE WAS PUSHED CLOSE TO THE EDGE OF THE PLATFORM AND ASKED HOW HE WOULD LIKE TO BE THROWN UNDER THE WHEELS OF THE APPROACHING TRAIN. HE REPLIED THAT HE WAS NOT AFRAID OF DEATH BUT DISLIKED THE IDEA OF PAIN. HE WAS THEN TOLD THAT HE COULD BE THROWN DOWN IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE WHEELS WOULD CUT OFF HIS ARMS AND LEGS. "AND THEN WE WILL RESCUE YOU." ACCORDING TO SOURCE, AL'BREKHT WAS SO SHAKEN THAT HE DID NOT RETURN HOME, AND HIS WHEREABOUTS WERE NOT KNOWN AS OF EVENING OF SEPT 1.

2. SOME TIME EARLIER, AL'BREKHT AND VLADIMIR TURCHIN (WHO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM AN UNEVENTFUL VACATION) APPLIED FOR PERMISSION TO TRAVEL TO FRG TO ATTEND A CONFERENCE OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL. PERMISSION WAS DENIED.
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